

AT THE CAPITOL.

AN EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION LEADS TO A LIVELY TILT.

BETWEEN GORMAN AND SHERMAN.

Did Corruption Lead to the Passage of the Silver Bill?

THE ALLEGATION CAUSES A DEBATE.

The Senate Approves the District Appropriation Bill.—Matters of Interest to Washington.

The Senate in accordance with the resolution adopted yesterday met at 10 o'clock this morning, but with less than a dozen members present to listen to the Chaplain's opening prayer.

Mr. Gorman at once raised the question of a quorum. A roll called showed only thirty-two Senators present, but others soon came in and by 10:30 a quorum was present and the journal was read.

An executive communication from Secretary Noble, inclosing a long letter from Major Powell, director of the Geological Survey, on the subject of irrigation and canal work, was laid before the Senate and Mr. Gorman asked to have it read. After the clerk had read the letter, objection came from the Republican side of the Chamber to delaying public business by reading a communication that could be printed and laid before members to-morrow morning.

This led to a sharp discussion about printing such documents in the Record and some warm words passed between Mr. Gorman and Mr. Sherman. The former insisted upon having the letter read, although Mr. Hawley, chairman of the Printing Committee, assured him he could have the communication printed within four hours. Mr. Sherman finally objected to the further reading of the letter. He did not want business delayed by it.

Mr. Gorman remarked that if the Senator from Ohio had been in the Chamber in time this morning, under his own resolution the document could have been read and the public business facilitated. He would not submit to have any Senator intimate that because he wanted a public document read, in order to get information, that was an object was to delay the public business.

Mr. Sherman resented the emphasis of the fact that he had come into the Chamber this morning fifteen minutes after the hour fixed for meeting. He had been engaged during those fifteen minutes in public business which he considered as of more importance than listening to the reading of the Journal. He was probably present in the Senate Chamber for the one day that the Senator from Maryland was.

The Senate then decided that the document should not be read.

Mr. Gorman, with some warmth, resented the charge that because he wanted it read he was delaying public business.

The presiding officer then said the letter would be printed as a miscellaneous document.

Mr. Frye made a statement in relation to the River and Harbor bill to the effect that, as a result between the Committees on Commerce and Finance, the River and Harbor bill would be taken up on Friday of next week.

Consideration of the tariff was resumed, the subject then under discussion being liquor paste.

In the House this morning Mr. Oates of Alabama, as a question of privilege, offered a resolution for the investigation of the charges of corruption in connection with the passage of the Silver bill against members of the House, contained in an editorial in the *National Enquirer*.

Mr. Oates said that when he made a charge of this kind was made by a respectable journal it was worth investigation.

Mr. Cannon of Illinois contended that if such charges were made specific and by somebody who had evidence to sustain them, it would be well to look into the matter, but under the circumstances they were unworthy of notice.

Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio thought if the House were to take cognizance of the matter at all it should be to commit. Practically it was no charge.

Mr. Rogers of Arkansas said that it was generally understood that the *Enquirer* passed on the bill in the House, therefore the charge was an inferential one against the speaker and the resolution ought to be dropped.

Mr. Peters of Kansas was opposed to dignifying the action that question by paying any attention to it. He denied the right of the writer to make a charge in the name of the Farmers' Alliance.

Mr. Richardson of Tennessee contended the editorial was an insult upon the integrity of the House and that they owed it to their fair fame to have the matter investigated.

The speaker decided the motion was not a privileged one. In doing so he said these paragraphs were constantly floating about in the newspapers of the country. They were of vague character and made no statement upon which anybody could be expected to dedicate a belief or conviction. The House would be put to great inconvenience if any member had the right on the production of a paragraph like this to demand an investigation.

Mr. Oates appealed from the decision, which, however, was sustained by a vote of 93 to 71.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Senate amendments to the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, and discussion of the irrigation clause was renewed.

District in Congress.

The District Commissioners have submitted a bill to the House District Committee to compel the attendance of witnesses on police trials in the District, and if the witnesses refuse, they shall be held guilty of contempt and punished therefor.

The bill also provides that the fees for witnesses shall be the same as those allowed to witnesses in the Police Court.

The Commissioners state that the society for the powers contemplated in the bill has been bona fide, and that the present investigation now in progress is greatly embarrassed by the lack of authority which the bill would confer.

Mr. Harris introduced the bill in the Senate to-day.

Mr. Hazle also introduced a bill authorizing the President to detail two engineer officers from the Army of regulars to the Engineer Commission, to perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Board of Commissioners.

The Senate to-day adopted the conference report on the District Appropriation bill.

What Director Powell Has Done.

The Secretary of the Interior, in response to the resolution of the Senate of the 10th instant, transmitted to that body to-day a statement of the action taken by the Director of the Geological Survey in selecting sites for reservoirs, etc., under the Irrigation act of October 3, 1888. The Secretary says that Director Powell has actually surveyed the sites and the land subdivided. It is not intended to carry the work to the extent of planning a system for the distribution of the water. Accompanying the latter are explanatory letters from Director Powell and the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

CLARKSON RESIGNED AGAIN.

The Official Headman of the Post-office Department to-day.

The Baltimore *Evening* this morning states that Assistant Postmaster-General Clarkson tendered his resignation to the President yesterday to take effect at the close of his conversation with Harrison Secretary Noble came in, and General Clarkson had to retire.

SHOT AT MR. LAWLER.

His Wife Charged With Assault With Intent to Kill.

Mrs. Honora Lawler, who "shot at her husband" at No. 3236 M street, on Tuesday night, was before Judge Miller to-day charged with assault with intent to kill. The warrant was sworn out by the husband. In court this morning Mrs. Lawler asked that before she made her plea that she be allowed the privilege of looking over the bill for divorce filed in the Circuit Court yesterday.

Mrs. Lawler was placed in the custody of an officer and taken to the City Hall. This afternoon Mrs. Lawler answered to the charge against her, and furnished bail in the sum of \$300 for her appearance before the grand jury.

Judge Miller said that while the divorce proceedings were pending that it would not be wise for him to make any other disposition of the case. The night the shooting was done Lawler came home very much under the influence of liquor and attacked his wife. She shot at him, she says, with the intention of crippling him and declares that she will do it yet. One bullet struck in the door about ten feet from the door and the evidence was that the shot was fired at close range.

Changes in Office.

The following official changes were made in the Department of the Interior to-day:

One of the Secretaries—John W. Langley of Kentucky, Josiah W. Quincy of Ohio and Orson H. Gilmore of Illinois, members of the Board of Appeals, at \$2,000.

Patent Office—William A. L. Gresham of Indiana, appointed clerk at \$1,200.

Patent Office—Miss Mary A. Barnes of Maryland, resigned.

Office of Education—James A. Paul, formerly assistant clerk to the Commissioner at \$1,200. Miss Frances G. French of Maine, promoted from \$1,200 to \$1,400.

Shocking Murder and Suicide.

MECHANICSBURG, Pa., July 31.—Jeremiah Miller, a wood chopper, who lived in a cabin on North Mountain about eight miles from here, shot and killed himself. The husband accused his wife of infidelity and working himself into a passion seized his shot gun and emptied the contents of one barrel into his wife's breast. Miller then placed the stock of the gun on the ground and fired the remaining barrel into his stomach, killing himself instantly. The woman cannot survive.

To Try the Experiment.

Marriage licenses were issued to-day to Adam Mezenburg and Mary Post, both of Washington, D. C.; Henry A. Johnson of Philadelphia, and Olive C. Irvin of Washington, D. C.; William Gunther of Baltimore, Md.; and Edna Corbett of Lovettsville, Loudoun County, Va.; Charles V. Peet and Lucy Hamilton, Samuel S. Brown and Carrie E. Hill, all of Washington, D. C.

Waiting to Pay Taxes.

The clerks in the Tax Collector's office have had to hustle the last two days. All day yesterday and to-day there was a long line of people extending from the Collector's office out to a considerable distance along First street waiting, in perspiration, their turn to pay the water taxes on their property which was due the 1st of the present month.

Hertzog Fined.

The arguments in the Hertzog gambling case were resumed this afternoon. Attorney Cahill making the opening address and claiming that the club was incorporated and, therefore, not a gambling house.

Hertzog was fined \$25 and given one day in jail. An appeal was noted.

Brave Firemen Injured.

CHICAGO, July 31.—Five firemen were injured at a fire at Union and Lake streets last night, and two will probably die. Two were thrown from a ladder and fell nearly forty feet, and the others fell through a skylight. The damage will exceed \$30,000.

Mrs. Lawler's Answer.

Mrs. Honora Lawler filed to-day an answer to her husband's bill for divorce, charging that he is addicted to the use of liquor, and that he has frequently cruelly and brutally assaulted her.

It's Now Our Property.

The new bridge at the foot of Pennsylvania avenue southeast was to-day turned over to the District Commissioners by Colonel Hains.

Views of a Competent Philosopher.

Mr. George William Curtis is always interesting in his Easy Chair talks. Mr. Curtis puts in a plea for dumb animals who are subject to cruel treatment in his latest work of this kind, and it is appropriate now, when so many people leave cats and other creatures at their homes, to perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Board of Commissioners.

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DASTARDLY TRAIN WRECKERS.

Sleepers Pinned on the Track, but No Damage Done.

Bogor, July 31.—Two attempts were made last evening to wreck the Pullman train of the Boston and Maine road, known as the Flying Yankee, as it was passing through Chelsea about 9 o'clock. Just before it was due at the Eastern avenue crossing three men reported to Flagman Smith that they had found a man sleeping on the track and had thrown it down the bank. In a few minutes the train came rushing down the track and stopped near the crossing, dropping a sleeper which it had struck near the Forbes bridge.

It had carried the sleeper a quarter of a mile, striking and splintering the ties and tearing up the road bed at intervals. The engine was only slightly damaged. The police are investigating the matter and greatly desire that the three men who reported an obstruction should communicate with them. The train consisted of seven well filled cars, and it was running with great rapidity when it met the obstruction.

First to Catch the Judges Eye.

SARATOGA, N. Y., July 31.—The weather to-day is clear and pleasant and the track in good condition.

First race, one mile, Lavina Belle first, Longshore second, Gerlie B. third, Time, 1:38.

Second race, three-year-olds, one mile and one-sixteenth. Neclaire first, Worth second. The others were drawn, Time, 1:52.

Third race, one and one-eighth mile, Rhone first, Drizzle second, Clio third, Time, 1:50.

Fifth race, six furlongs, Objection first, Analliz second, Dyer third, Time, 1:16.

Sixth race, six furlongs, Bradford first, Rallyho second, Cornelia third, Time, 1:13.

He Met the Wrong Woman.

From the Philadelphia Record.

A young man named William Torg, living on Haddon avenue, Camden, has for some time past been annoying a young lady of that city by his frequent visits and letters. He died before the maiden that he was not wanted, but he persisted in annoying her, and she finally appealed to her cousin for relief. When a letter was received, revealing the change of address, the cousin got a friend to dress up as a woman and meet the man. Other friends were lying in wait and they got the man with a shower of flour, sawdust and similar articles. After pleading in vain for mercy, the man took to his heels and escaped, and the laughter of his in-laws and his friends, who had witnessed the whole performance.

Consult the Manufacturers.

From the New York Times.

A controversy is raging in Chicago between the *Joint Owners* and the *Harold* of that city concerning the real purpose of those who have caused the duty on tin plates to be raised in the pending Tariff bill. We suggest that a careful inquiry in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania as to the attitude toward this proposed change of certain tin plates, who are members of an organization called the Iron Rodgers Association might throw some light on the question.

It's an Old Truth.

From the New York Times.

The truth which Mr. Blaine is telling—that the protective tariff system in no way provides a larger market for the farmer whom it so severely taxes—was not new truth at all. It is the old truth upon which Democratic speakers and newspapers have dwelt continually for many years. And the farmers are beginning to understand it, too, as Western elections and Western political movements clearly show.

Musical Nickel in the Slot Machine.

From the Medical Record.

Paris citizens will shortly be able, by dropping a half-franc piece into a slot, to hear a play or a concert. MM. Marinovich and Sarazavay have devised an apparatus for this purpose, which they have named the "Theatrophone," and they propose to introduce it into clubs and hotels. An experiment was made in Paris the other day, and was pronounced a very successful one.

Exhausted Material.

From the Boston Herald.

The counting out of Democratic members of the present Congress has thus far proceeded to the extent that, out of the four Congressmen chosen by the people of West Virginia at the last election to represent them, only one still holds his seat, and it is presumed that if anybody could have been found to make a contest against him, he would have gone, too, making the revolution complete.

Kept His Word.

From the Boston Herald.

Eastern Capitalist—Great Stars and Stripes! Is this the site of the new city you persuaded me to help found? Why, it's all bog and swamp.

Reciting a Creed to Bull Eggs.

From the Churchman.

One of the oddest uses of the Nicene Creed is that which it is applied to by the women of ancient Nicaea, where the creed was in great part originally formulated. They recite it after putting eggs in a pot to boil as a measure of the time needed to cook them. It is said that they do this without any idea of irrelevance.

New Sort of Money.

From the Globe Democrat.

The country has six sorts of money—gold coin, silver coin, gold certificates, silver certificates, greenbacks and national bank notes—and it will have another sort—the Treasury bullion notes which the new silver law provides for—a few weeks hence.

Rec'd the Cash as a Guidon.

From the St. Louis Republic.

One of the great questions the Republican party must soon adjust is whether Hon. Tom Reed's laws taxes shall make a better guide than Hon. Jim Blaine's white pique.

MOON-FACED PIRATES CAUGHT.

Forty Highways of Chinese Waters Captured or Killed.

The Vicinity of Canton reports the capture of a large number of pirates, and solicits rewards for the officers who are especially distinguished themselves in effecting their apprehension. The coast of the Canton province has, it is stated, been infested for many years past by bands of pirates, who have formed themselves into powerful organizations, and have the country far and wide. The chief of all these societies, whose number is considerably over a hundred, was a notorious pirate called Tseng-yu-chuan, whose depredations had long been the terror of the coast. Last year his principal confederate, Tseng Ya-chieh, fell into the hands of the authorities, whereupon he organized another band and continued as active in crime as before.

After capturing twelve pirates the Imperial troops came in sight of two pirate vessels, one of which carried the Chief Tseng-yu-chuan himself. A brisk fire was at once opened on both sides, and the pirate chief, being wounded and the pirates' guns disabled, was obliged to take to the water and swim for his life. Finding escape hopeless he stabbed himself, and was arrested in a dying condition. The vessels having been boarded, seventeen guns, and twenty-three charts containing the pirates' plans of campaign were among the plunder.

Tseng's evidence was to the effect that as a boy he had joined the rebels in the Canton province, and had subsequently taken up piracy as a profession. For nearly a quarter of a century he claimed to have been the undisputed leader of all the pirates in the Canton waters, and his yearly income, which, exclusive of disbursements, he estimated at several tens of thousands of taels, was shared in by the other members of the confederacy. He died before he could be sent to Canton, but his head was exposed to the public gaze, as were those of twelve of his followers who shared his fate. Two other parties of pirates were sent by Admiral Pang to scour the neighborhood, succeeded in capturing thirty-one pirates and three vessels. Several of the prisoners proved to be heads of pirate organizations which have been preying on the coast for years. Altogether over forty pirates were brought to justice.

Be Careful About Signing Papers.

From the Boston Herald.

Don't sign any paper for any one except those with whom you are acquainted and know to be honest. A new swindle is being carried on in Connecticut by means of a double fountain pen, one end of which is filled with good substantial ink, the other with ink that fades away in a day or two. The sharper writes the agreement, contract, or whatever particular lay he may have chosen with the ink that fades and his victim signs with the other end of the pen in the ink that lasts. In a few days he has a slip of paper with nothing on it but a good signature, over which he writes any sort of a note that he can most easily turn into cash.

Describing Himself.

From the Boston Herald.

London Local Clerk.—You are an American, I believe?

Mr. Gotham of New York.—No! I'm a cosmopolitan. I get my morning cocktail from an Irishman, my luncheon from a Frenchman, my dinner from a German, my supper from an Italian, my wife a Hollander, and my landlord a Australian-Jew. Shake well before using!

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RAN DOWN A SUICIDE.

Fact that Discouraged a Chicago Reporter After a Story.

"The telephone in the local room of the *Chicago Tribune* is a very short story of 1 o'clock last night," says the *Chicago Post*, "and through the transmitter into the listener's ear poured the startling information that a man had been killed at the Palmer House and that the employees, unmindful of their duty to the public, intended to dispose of the body secretly. Three minutes later a reporter stood before the night clerk, 'I understand there has been an accident here,' he said.

The clerk said he believed something of the kind had occurred.

"Understand, too, that you are intended to secretly dispose of the remains," said the reporter.

"This clerk also admitted. Why? Because the deceased had no relatives, and it was not pleasant to have the news of a suicide get out, the best thing to do was to quietly get rid of the body."

"Where is the body now?" demanded the reporter.

"The clerk thought it hadn't been out yet, the bag in which it was to be placed not having been brought."

"I should like to see the body," said the reporter.

"Certainly," replied the clerk, and, summoning the porter, directed him to conduct the young man where the corpse was swinging. Through long aisles and up many flights of stairs the pair tramped until the head porter's room, on the corner of Monroe street and Walsh avenue, was reached.

Pulling open the closet door the porter pointed to the dangling remains of a little dog. "You see the dog was taken to the floor, but he climbed on top of the trunk and fell, and he was killed by the beam he fell on. 'Vulgar side and'—but the porter explained no more for the scribe had gone.

Married and Died.

Barrister.

McLEHANE—STRANGE—On Tuesday, July 23, 1890, at Wakefield, R. I., at the Church of St. Francis, by the Rev. Father Mary of Baltimore, the marriage of James McLehane, of New York, to John McLehane, of Wakefield, R. I., was solemnized.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

A public meeting of the citizens and property owners of the town of Wakefield, R. I., will be held at the Baptist Church, Wakefield, on Friday evening, August 1st, 1890, at 8 o'clock, to take further action on the matter of the proposed new bridge over the river at Wakefield, R. I.

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